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The managers whose work locations rated tops in the annual health and safety review, shown here with Deputy CEO John Catoe (center, rear row) and RRC Administrative Analyst George Williamson (left), are Division 2 Transportation Manager Tom Pelk, Metro Blue Line Maintenance Manager George Kennedy, Metro Red Line Maintenance Manager Tom Lingenfield, Division 9 Transportation Manager Mike Greenwood and Equipment Maintenance Manager Mike Singer of the RRC.

Four Work Locations Rated Tops in Health and Safety Review

(July 13, 2004) Four Metro work locations have come out with top marks in a recently completed annual review of health and safety performance conducted by the Corporate Safety department.

Ranking highest in safety excellence was Metro Blue Line Division 11 with a score of 18.46 out of 20 points. The accomplishment earned the division a \$5,000 reward.

Crossroads Depot Division 2 transportation scored 17 points to win second place and a reward of \$2,500. The Regional Rebuild Center at Location 30 and Metro Red Line Division 20 maintenance tied with 16.85 points and split a \$1,500 reward.

In addition, San Gabriel Valley Division 9 transportation was commended as the most improved in safety and health performance. The team will receive \$500.

The purpose of the annual health and safety review is to determine the level of compliance with local, state and federal regulations and to provide management with recommendations for any needed corrections.

36 worksites participated

Thirty-six worksites participated in the review – 24 in the Metro Bus system, nine in Metro Rail, one in Revenue, one in Administration and one in Communications.

The sites were judged in five areas: management knowledge and performance, compliance review, site inspection and employee observation, OSHA recordkeeping compliance and hazard review.

Other work locations recognized for specific program excellence during the period of April 1, 2003 to April 1, 2004 were the Procurement/Logistics department at Location 30, Carson Division 18 transportation, West Hollywood Division 7 maintenance, West Valley Division 8 maintenance, and the Bus and Rail Operators Training Departments at Operations Central Instruction.

"All sites that participated in the 2003 assessment showed an increase in their understanding of and responsibility to health and safety regulatory issues," said Andrea Burnside, managing director, Operations Administration. "Site and cost center management are to be congratulated."

"I also want to commend Pam Engelke, our Occupational Health and Safety manager, for her excellent work in developing and carrying out this annual safety assessment," said Burnside.

For their part, the transportation and maintenance managers commended their assistants for the program's success. They are Larry Cosner and Phil Moores of Division 9 transportation; Diane Frazier and J.P. Brown of Division 2 transportation; Manuel Precie of Division 20 Metro Red Line Fleet Services; Anthony Precie of Division 11 Metro Blue Line Fleet Services; and Cary Stevens, Harold Peterson and Administrative Analyst George Williamson of RRC Location 30.